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Mutantkind nears extinction. On M-Day Wanda Maximoff, the Scarlet Witch, used her reality-warping mutant powers to obliterate the X-gene that distinguishes mutants from humans. In that instant, nearly all mutants lost their powers. Once a race of millions, they now number a few hundred. There have been no new mutant manifestations since M-Day and with each death, the future of mutantkind dims. The X-Men, a band of mutants previously charged to protect a world that hates and fears them, now fight only for survival.

But while there's life, there's hope.

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THE BLACKBIRD--

*CROSSING INTO ALASKA,
MOVING AT TOP SPEED.*



THE X-MEN:



CYCLOPS:



YOU PICKING
UP ANYTHING?
WE SHOULD BE
CLOSE BY
NOW.

EMMA FROST:



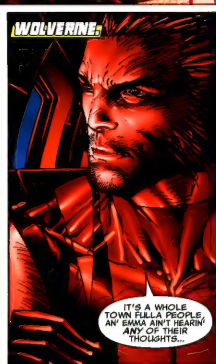
NOTHING...
WHICH IS A BIT
TROUBLING.

NIGHTCRAWLER:



WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN?

WOLVERINE:



IT'S A WHOLE
TOWN FULLA PEOPLE,
AN' EMMA AIN'T HEARIN'
ANY OF THEIR
THOUGHTS...

ANGEL:



IT'S A
TRAP.



WE DON'T KNOW
WHAT IT IS, WARREN.
NOT YET.



HE'S GOT A POINT,
SUMMERS. WE KNOW
NEXT TO NOTHING
ABOUT THIS
PLACE.

AN' YET WE'RE
BREAKIN' THE
SPEED OF SOUND
TO GET THERE.

NOW EMMA
CAN'T READ ANY
CONSCIOUS THOUGHT...
WHICH MEANS SOME
DEVICE IS BLOCKING
HER OUT...OR THERE
AIN'T ANY PEOPLE
DOWN THERE.

EITHER OF
THOSE SOUNDS
LIKE A TRAP.

THERE IS A
THIRD OPTION,
LOGAN.



NO. WE
DON'T EVEN
WANT TO
THINK ABOUT
THAT.



MEIN
GOTT...

I'M
AFRAID,
SCOTT...



...THAT WE
MAY NOT HAVE
A CHOICE IN
THE MATTER.



I CAN--WAIT--
I CAN HEAR THEM
NOW...THERE ARE
PEOPLE DOWN
THERE, ALIVE.

TERRIFIED...



LOOKS
LIKE A FRIGGIN'
WARZONE.

LOGAN, I
WANT YOU AND
KURT DOWN
THERE--NOW.

SURE THING,
SLIM.



LET'S
GO, ELF.

BAMF



**A FEW HOURS EARLIER--
THE XAVIER INSTITUTE.**

THERE ARE
SO FEW OF
US LEFT...



...IT ACTUALLY
STUNS ME A LITTLE
EVERY TIME I USE
CEREBRA.

I FORGET FOR A
MOMENT, AS I INTERFACE
WITH IT...I EXPECT TO
SEE SOMETHING
NEW.

BUT YOU
DON'T.

NO, INDEED,
HENRY. INSTEAD
OF FINDING NEW
MUTANTS TO HELP...
I'M KEEPING TRACK OF
OUR DWINDLING
NUMBER.

CEREBRA USED TO HAVE...THIS MOMENT
OF DOUBT AND HOPE...THE POSSIBILITY
OF A NEW MANIFESTATION
REGISTERING.

NOW...I'M
BEGINNING TO
DREAD THIS
ROOM.

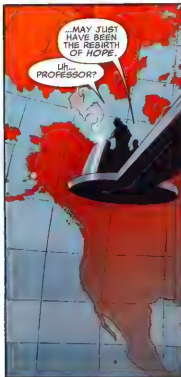


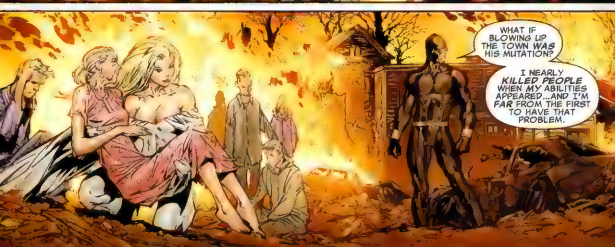
THIS IS
EVERY MUTANT
THAT CEREBRA
CAN LOCATE...A
FEW HUNDRED...







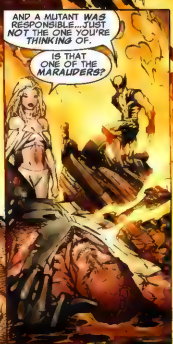






HATE TO
BREAK IT TO
YOU, KIDS... BUT
THIS WASN'T ANY
ACCIDENT.

IT WAS
JUST WHAT IT
LOOKS LIKE--
A BATTLE.



AND A MUTANT WAS
RESPONSIBLE... JUST
NOT THE ONE YOU'RE
THINKING OF.

IS THAT
ONE OF THE
MARAUDERS?



IT WAS, YEAH... NAME WAS
BLOCKBUSTER.

LOOKS LIKE
WHATEVER BLEW
THESE BUILDINGS
ALL TO HELL TORE
THROUGH HIM,
TOO.

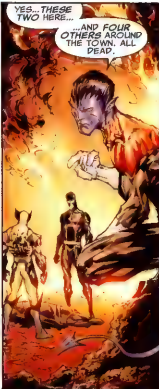


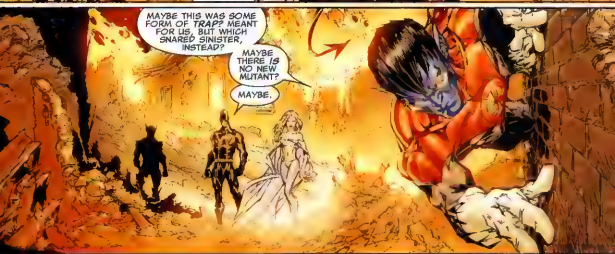
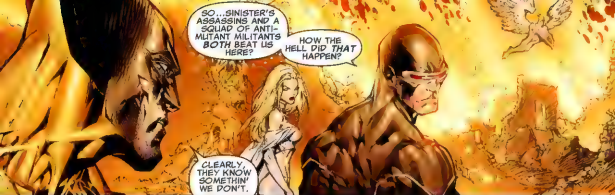
BAMF

HE WAS
NOT ALONE,
LOGAN.



YOU NEED
TO SEE THIS...
ALL OF YOU.







OH MY GOD...

THE CHILD IS STILL SMOLDERING...

SHE'S GONE, SLIM. SHE'S WAY OUT THERE PAST BROKEN.



EMMA, PUT HER TO SLEEP... SHE HAS TO LET GO OF THAT CHILD.

DON'T BE SO HASTY... A LITTLE PUSH SHOULD BE ENOUGH...

RELAX... LET YOUR ARMS REST... YOUR JOB IS DONE...



...MY BABY... MARLENE... MY GIRL...

MY GOD... WHAT HAVE THEY DONE TO THESE PEOPLE?



I'M ABOUT TO FIND OUT, KURT...



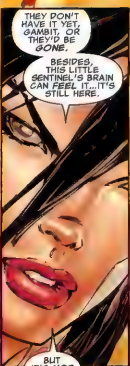
--uh!







IF THESE
HATE-MONGERS
HAVE IT, WE'RE
IN TROUBLE.



THEY DON'T
HAVE IT YET,
GAMBIT, OR
THEY'D BE
GONE.

BESIDES,
THIS LITTLE
SENTINEL'S BRAIN
CAN FEEL IT...IT'S
STILL HERE.



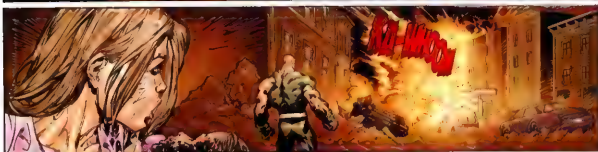
BUT
IT'S NOT
ALONE.

MOVE
FAST.



I'LL
CATCH UP
WHEN I
FINISH
HERE.

LUK--





WHERE DO YOU NEED ME TO BE, EMMA?

DO YOU SEE A LOCAL HOSPITAL?



YEAH, ON MY WAY.
WHAT'S GOING ON?



FOLLOW THE DESTRUCTION IN THE HOSPITAL TO ITS EPICENTER.

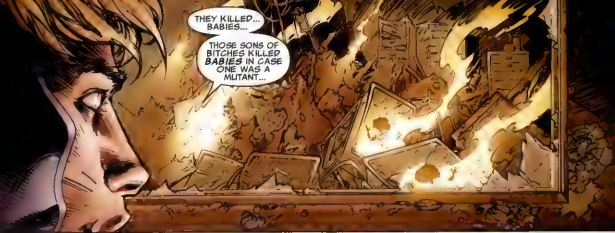


THIS WASN'T A TEENAGE MANIFESTATION...



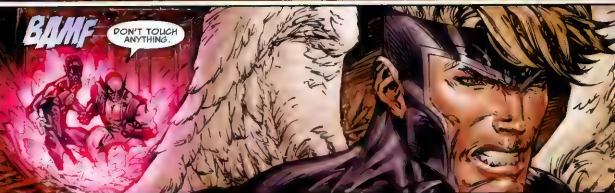
...THIS WAS A MUTANT BIRTH.

MY GOD...



THEY KILLED...
BABIES...

THOSE SONS OF
BITCHES KILLED
BABIES IN CASE
ONE WAS A
MUTANT...



BAMF

DON'T TOUCH
ANYTHING.

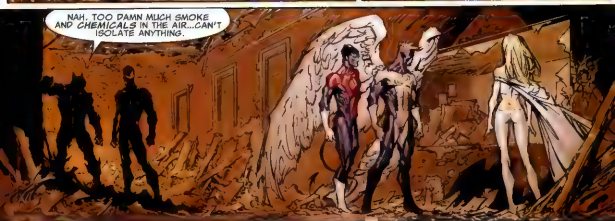


I NEED
TO...
...GET
THE...



DAMN
IT.

NOTHING?



NAH. TOO DAMN MUCH SMOKE
AND CHEMICALS IN THE AIR...CAN'T
ISOLATE ANYTHING.




IT'S NOT
HERE. IT'S
NOT ONE OF
THESE.

HOW
DO YOU
KNOW?

BIRTH
RECORDS. THREE
BABIES WERE BORN
HERE LAST
NIGHT.



BUT THERE
ARE ONLY TWO
NEWBORNS
HERE.



HOW SURE ARE
YOU THIS BABY WAS
THE MUTANT CEREBRA
PICKED UP?

SURE.

THIS IS WHY
THEY COLLIDED...
THE MARAUDERS
AND THE
PURIFIERS.



THEY WERE BOTH
ON A PATH TO THIS
HOSPITAL.

BUT WHICH
ONE OF 'EM
GOT THE
KID?



DAMN
IT.



THIS IS AS BAD AS
THAT THING LAST YEAR
IN STAMFORD...



WE SHOULD BE TAKIN'
THOSE MARAUDERS'
BODIES WITH US.

THEY'RE GONNA
BLAME MUTANTS
FOR THIS...NOT
THE PURIFIERS.

THE SURVIVORS
WILL REMEMBER WE
GOT THEM TO
SAFETY.

THAT'S NOT HOW
IT USUALLY PLAYS,
SLIM, AN' YOU
KNOW IT.



WELL, WE
HAVE BIGGER
PROBLEMS
ANYWAY...

THE FIRST
MUTANT BIRTH IN
YEARS--A MUTANT
SO POWERFUL IT
BLEW OUT CEREBRA
JUST BY BEING BORN--
IS MOST LIKELY IN
SINISTER'S
HANDS.



I HAVE A
FEELING THE
GOVERNMENT IS
GOING TO BE THE
LEAST OF OUR
WORRIES.



IT'S CALLED PREDATOR X...
BRED TO HUNT AND FEED ON
MUTANT DNA...

IT FELT THIS NEW
ARRIVAL WITH A
HUNGER THAT NEARLY
STAGGERED IT.

IT USED ALL ITS STRENGTH
TO PUSH ON OVER HUNDREDS
OF MILES...NEVER STOPPING...

BUT NOW THAT IT'S
HERE, THAT SCENT IS
LEADING ELSEWHERE...

AND IT'S
SO HUNGRY.

RRROOOGGG!

SO HUNGRY.

GGGGGGGGGG...

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LOG ENTRY/BEGIN.



TAN • D'ARMATA

When we first met, Professor Xavier told me his dream. He saw a world where mutants and humans lived together without fear or hate. Where mutants could discover their potential, and use their gifts to serve all mankind.

And on M-Day, when most mutants lost their powers, when we became an endangered species... that vision became just that. A dream.

As leader of the X-Men, I've had to embrace a new vision for mutantkind. Survival.



MARKO DJURDJEVIC

The X-Men have always defended both mutants and humans, so that humans could see that just like them, there were good mutants as well as bad.

But now, I can't honestly say it made a difference. Reacting to threats instead of being proactive may have brought about the end of both the X-Men and all of mutantkind.



Whereas the X-Men are on the front lines, X-Factor takes a more investigative approach. Jamie Madrox annoys me. But he and his team are valuable.

And with our enemies always seemingly one step ahead, X-Factor's methods may be mutantkind's only hope.



The students of the Xavier Institute are now the LAST generation of X-Men. They are my responsibility, and I've failed to prepare them for what I knew was coming.

But several of the students have risen to face this deadly new world. And I'll rely on them to help protect each other in the days to come.



Sinister and his Marauders are the worst mutantkind has to offer. Architect of one of the first massacres of mutantkind, Sinister cares nothing for his people—only his agenda.

That agenda is a mystery to us now. But for whatever endgame he's planning, Sinister is gathering an ARMY. Marauders, Acolytes, and even former allies are now under his control.

But if Sinister wants a war, I'm prepared to give him one."



KAARE ANDREWS

The Professor told us that humans fear what they don't understand, and that fear leads to hate.

The Purifiers are the most extreme example of this. Grossly justifying their hate with religion, the Purifiers were assembled by the Reverend William Stryker. And while he's dead now, his army marches on.

They are responsible for the deaths of forty-five of my students. And they'll never stop. The X-Men don't kill... but the Purifiers will have to be dealt with, and soon.



HAIRSINE
BAUMANN

This is the length some will go in order to destroy us. A creature made to hunt mutants based on their DNA. It feeds off us, has to KILL MUTANTS to survive.

The New X-Men nearly died fighting three of these things.

One escaped. How many mutants will pay for that with their lives?



LAND • LEISTEN • PONSOR

THINGS TO COME...

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CHAPTER 2



Next week-
CYCLOPS gathers his forces.
And the X-MEN vs. THE ACOLYTES



VARIANT COVER

Megan



**THE
MINUTEMEN**

Scans by Mr. Shepherd

Top Cow Variant Scanned
by TheRain